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MR. CHAIRMAN: Now Special Mentions.

[The Deputy Chairman in the Chair].

SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: Madam, one point of order. There is a report in the press that Mr. Arun Singh has resigned from the Membership of this House. I would like to know...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No, no. there is no point of order.

SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: I would like to know whether it is a fact.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: There is no business about this before the House. You cannot raise it.

Now special mentions. Yes, Mr. Kulkarni.

SPECIAL MENTIONS

Reported Terrorist Plot to kill the Prime Minister and the Home Minister

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI (Maharashtra): Madam Deputy Chairman, I am constrained to see today in the Times of India a news item, which was also raised by my colleague during the Question Hour. It is a very serious thing and I am sorry to say that, Mr. Chidambaram who was replying on behalf of the Government, just gave answers which are generalised answers. We are concerned with not only generalised answers. It is the question of security of the head...

SHRI VISHVJIT P. SINGH (Maharashtra): We want a statement, Madam. (*Interruptions*).

SOME HON. MEMBERS: It is a very serious matter.

SHRI VISHVJIT P. SINGH: We want a full-fledged Statement by the Government. (*Interruptions*).

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Please sit down. Please sit down. (*Interruptions*). Let him first complete his special mention and then you ask for a statement (*Interruptions*). Mr. Jagesh Desai, please sit down. He has to say something. Let the House know what he has to say.

SHRI A. G KULKARNI: Thank you, Madam. The point is that this is a news item which was replied by the Minister. during the Question Hour. I am not happy with the reply because it is the question of security of the Prime Minister. The way in which Mr. Wassan Zingh Zafarwal has written has not only shocked me, but is something you know much more serious. He says he has written to Sukhdev Singh Jhamke of the Khalistan Commando Force "The way Bahamani (Mrs. Indira Gandhi) was done away with ...". This is something which really boils my blood, Madam. What is he talking? And how is the Government taking it lying down. such a statement which has come out in the press? I can go on but it looks that many of my friends are also interested in this. There are many irregular and objectionable and obnoxious words used in this report from the Times of India Service. He says there is a regular fight. I want to know what has come out of that Room No. 13 of the Golden Temple during Operation Black Thunder. What is the correspondence? How many people of this country are linked? They had

stated about Sikh connections. With due respect, I may say that I am aware that every Sikh is not a terrorist. There are gentlemen Sikhs. I don't blame anybody. But this is a point which I desire should be treated seriously. It is not enough to say that all security steps have been taken for the Prime Minister's safety or Shri Buta Singh's safety. We are more concerned with the terrorists in this country who are increasingly accelerating their activities in Punjab which have to be put down with a heavy hand. And for that purpose, I make myself bold to say this. But I do not want to take more time of the House because many of my friends want to say about it. (*Interruptions*).

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Names have been given.

SHRI N. K. P. SALVE (Maharashtra): On a question of procedure. (*Interruptions*).

डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय : आज ही होना चाहिये और हाउस में एश्योर किया जाए कि कब स्टेटमेंट होम मिनिस्टर दे रहे हैं (व्यवधान)

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY (Karnataka): This is a very serious matter. We have to take note of this news in *The Times of India* today. This news item also conveys the impression that the Government of India and its security set-up are incapable and incompetent to unearth the activities in India, ... (*Interruptions*)...I am saying the same thing—that the life of the Prime Minister is involved; it is a very important matter; it is not an ordinary matter. I would demand from the Government to have a thorough investigation made and give a statement in the House.

SHRI M. A. BABY (Kerala): I associate myself with the sentiments expressed by my colleague, Mr. Kulkarni. It is not as if only friends from that side are concerned about this, especially because we are aware that the mother of the present Prime Minister was assassinated in a most gruesome manner, and we from this side would like to caution the Government that this question should not be viewed in isolation, as I do not consider that this is a conspiracy of a few terrorists—a few terrorists in our country and those who are across the border. The relationship or the links of the conspiracy go far beyond, according to us, because we know there are certain forces, certain international reactionary forces who are bent upon trying to eliminate the leaders of the Non-Aligned Movement, leaders of the political parties of non-aligned countries. We know the murder of Allende; we know murders of various other leaders; we know efforts to murder Castro which failed many times over, and also about Olof Palme. Of course about the links of Olof Palme's murder I do not know, whether it is confined to certain political levels or is related to certain scandals. I don't go into that. Anyway, it is a very serious matter and we are also equally concerned. We don't say we are more concerned, but we are equally concerned. The Government of India should come out with all the facts which / are in its possession, because we have to mobilise the people of this country against all these machinations. The security of the Prime Minister cannot be safeguarded only through administrative measures alone; political environment has to be created where security of the Prime Minister and of all the citizens of the country will be ensured.

SHRI VISHVJIT P. SINGH: Madam, the hon. Member who has just now spoken, has said very truly that this is not a conspiracy of just a few terrorists who have got together. This is something which goes far beyond. I quite agree. It is part of an attack on the non-aligned movement itself, on the integrity of our country and on the person of

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our Prime Minister. The report, Madam, makes quite clear the involvement of another country. It says quite categorically. I would like to quote from the report. I would not like to quote from the letter because the letter has already been referred to by Apasahib Kulkarni. I would lik to quote from the report itself.

> "In his May 1 letter to Jagir Singh, the KCF Chief even suggested the hijacking of a plane. But he specifically mentioned that the prospective hijackers should bring their own arms while hijacking the plane because 'last time, they (the Pakistanis) had to face much embarassment."

I would like to emphasise these words 'last time the Pakistanis had to face much embarassment'.

> "Labh Singh further suggested that in the event of the hijacking coming off, care should be taken not to direct the plane towards Lahore."

why did they say this? Because, last time, they directed the plane to Lahore. Arms had been supplied from Lahore. The weapon was supplied from Lahore itself. That weapon, we found, was of German origin. It had been sold by a German arms company to the Pakistan Government. It was that very weapon which was smuggled on board the aircraft and handed over to the hijackers. I would like to refer the Government to what I said on the 24th August, 1984, when the Government had made a statement on this very issue. At the time of the first hijacking, the Government made a statement. I asked at that time. If you do not mind, I would like to quote from what I said on that day.

> "I would like to say to the Minister that two foreign nationals who have no interest whatsoever in any country, either with India or with Pakistan or anything have categorically said that the hijackers received a packet from the people at the Lahore Airport. It is only after that they started brandishing a gun and when they brandished the gun, they did not even know how to load it..."

Therefore, Madam, it was from Lahore that they got this weapon. I told the Government at that time that we must categorically come out and say that this was what was happening. Even today, we are not saying it. It is about time we categorically say that it is Pakistan which is behind this. It is Pakistan which is behind the terrorists. It is Pakistan which is giving the direction. It is Pakistan which has now the temerity and the audacity to turn round and instruct the terrorists and ask them to arrange for the assassination of our Prime Minister and we are keeping quiet about it.

Once again, Madam, I say this is too serious a matter. This is far too serious a matter. They are giving specific instructions. They are telling the terrorists how to go about it. They are supplying them with arms. They are supplying them with intelligence network. I want the Minister to make a statement on this issue today itself so that we can have a discussion on this. I want a discussion on this, a detailed discussion in the House. I would like the hon. Minister who is here to accept it here and now. Thank you, Madam.

(Interruptions)

SHRI N. K. P. SALVE: Madam, the letter refers to a plot to assassinate the Prime Minister and the Home Minister. The matter is serious enough, as has been pointed out. But what is really disconcerting, a matter of extremely serious concern, is the reported involvement of committees in Pakistan working with the blessings of the Pakistani authority to destroy the stability, integrity and sovereignty of our country. In any other country, Madam, by now, perhaps, diplomatic relations would have been

brought to an end. My respectful submission is this. I am speaking with a great deal of responsibility. I have had relations with people in Pakistan. I have friends there. I happened to talk, I had an audience with the President. Our Leader of the House was the the External Affairs Minister and he said, look at the sort of things happening in Pakistan, they will some day adversely affect the relations between India and Pakistan. And when I talked to the President, when I mentioed to him of what had happened in the temple near the mosque Alami Iqbal, they had hampered certain diplomats, the President said, "Mr. Salve, when you go back, convey my apologies to Shri Rajiv Gandhi that in an area which is the sanctum sanctorum of the Sikhs, such a thing should ever have happened, I am ashamed that it has happened there." Some of those who have known the actual involvement of Pakistan in the terrorist movemet then told me that this was plenty of glib talk.

Madam, we have reached a situation today that unless we take up this matter with Pakistan seriously directly, I have no doubt in my mind the terrorist movement will not come to an end here. It is that country Pakistan and it is their mentor and protector, the USA, what are they doing? What is the USA doing? If the USA were to pull a simple string, Pakistan will stop all sorts of violations of international norms. We want to live in and amity and peace with Pakistan, but does it mean that they are entitled to tinker with our sovereignty, our stability and integrity?

The matter is far too serious. Mere special mention will not do. We want adequate discussion on this matter. We want to know from the Government, what is the Government's attitude now? There is conclusive proof of the involvement of Pakistan if such proof was ever needed.

Therefore, I submit that the matter being of highest importance and urgency, there should be a discussion today itself in the House over this matter.

SHRI MADAN BHATIA (Nominated): Madam Deputy Chairman, this news which has appeared in the press in Times of India is not only most disturbing but it lends maximum possible testimony to this particular fact that so far as the Prime Minister of India is concerned, he has become the most inconvenient leader to the accomplishment of designs by Pakistan. It is the hon. Prime Minister of India who has stood up against the designs of Pakistan to instal a puppet fundamentalist regime in Afghanistan. It is the hon. Prime Minister of India who frustrated the designs of Pakistan to make inroads into Shri Lanka for the purpose of military encirclement of India. It is this hon. Prime Minister of India who by following the policy of conciliation tempered with strictness has been able to control the social and political tensions within the country. It is for all these reasons that so far as this hon. Prime Minister of India is concerned, he has become the target of attack by Pakistan. We know that ever since independence Pakistan has become the running sore in the stomach of India. Pakistan has no strategic perceptions. The only strategic perception that Pakistan has got is the enmity with India and the communal disharmony with India and it is for the purpose of achieving its nefarous ends that Pakistan always, ins and outs, is against the security and integrity of India.

Today, because of the hon. Prime Minister of India has been able to frustrate the designs of Pakistan he has become the biggest target of Pakistan and Pakistan is using the terrorism in Punjab and the terrorists of Punjab to attain its nefarious ends Madam it is a very serious matter. The hon. Prime Minister of India is the symbol of integrity and security

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of India today. The hon. Prime Minister of India is today the symbol of India's struggle to contain all the social and political tensions within the country and emerge as a strong and prosperous India. Therefore, I submit that this is a matter which deserves the most serious and the most immediate concern of this hon. House. Everything else before this hon'ble House today should be treated as a secondary matter so far as discussion before this hon'ble House is concerned. Thank you.

SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL (Punjab): After all that has been said about it and since we do presume, Madam, that you are asking the Government to make a detailed statement on the matter which would be followed by a discussion I would simply associate, like all the other Members of this House, with the sentiments expressed by Kulkarniji and take this opportunity, once again, to request you to direct that the Government comes forth with a statement at the earliest on the subject.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Shri Anand Sharma.

SHRI SUKOMAL SEN (West Bengal): Are you allowing a debate, Madam? It is better the Government makes a statement on this.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Names are already given.

SHRI ANAND SHARMA (Himachal Pradesh): I have also given a notice.

Madam, it is, in fact, a matter of serious concern for the entire House and these sentiments have been echoed by one of my esteemed colleagues from the Opposition, Mr. Baby. What he has referred to, I entirely agree that there is an international conspiracy, there is a conspiracy to destabilise this country. This conspiracy has been on for quite some time. This nation has not forgotten the price which she paid when earlier we were complacent and many people, even our political friends on the other side, tended to disagree when late Mrs. Indira Gandhi had said that there was a threat to her life. They had then said: there is neither any threat to India, nor any threat to the life of Mrs. Indira Gandhi. But we paid that price as a nation. Ever since that, this conspiracy continues.

Madam, it is a two-pronged attack. This attack is by those forces who do not wish to see, who cannot tolerate, a stable and strong India. One side of this attack is an attack which can be described as political. It is for the political liquidation of the Prime Minister, the political assassination of the Prime Minister. The second aspect of that attack is to ensure his physical liquidation.

Madam, it is not a matter which can be dismissed lightly, particularly when the complicity, the active involvement of another country has been established. How can this Panthic Committee function from the territory of Pakistan? How they are allowed to function there by that Government, a government which, in league with the United States of America, gets huge quantities of weapons, those weapons which are diverted to Indian soil, weapons which are used in this country to kill innocent people. Madam, we want a comprehensive statement as to what the contours of this conspiracy are....

SHRI JAGESH DESAI (Maharashtra): We want a White Paper on this and nothing less.

SHRI ANAND SHARMA: ....what information the Government has in its possession. I agree, Madam, there are sometimes some security considerations. But whatsoever information the Government can part with, that informaion must come today and this House must be allowed to discuss this matter and this should be given overriding priority over any other issue. Thank you.

श्री मिर्जा इशादबेग (गुजरात) : उपसभापति महोदया, यह इतनी गंभीर बात है कि देश के प्रधान मंत्री और देश के गृह मंत्री की जान लेने के प्रयासों का फिर एक बार प्रयत्न किसी क्षेत्र में हो रहा है। हिन्दुस्तान वह काला दिन आज भी नहीं भूला है । लोगों ने उस समय इस बात को मजाक में ले लेना चाहा, जब इस बात को निरंतर कहा जाता रहा कि देश की प्रधान मंत्री की जान को खतरा है । आखिर वह काला दिन आया, उस दिन देश की प्रधान मंत्री इंदिरा गांधी जी की हत्या हुई । आज फिर एक बार इस तरह की बात को सदन में लाया गया है । यहां पाकिस्तान की बात की जा रही है, पाकिस्तान के खिलाफ सरकार क्या कार्यवाही करने जा रही है, इस बात के साथ सरकार सदन में आए और इस बारे में क्या कदम लेना चाहती है, इसका वक्तव्य भी सदन के सामने होना चाहिए।

मैं आपके माध्यम से कहना चाहता हूं कि पाकिस्तान की हस्ती क्या है? पाकिस्तान अगर हिन्दुस्तान के साथ झगड़ा करता है, आक्रमण करता है तो आज भी हमारी सेनायें सक्षम हैं कि सिर्फ तीन दिन के अंदर हम पाकिस्तान को परास्त कर सकते हैं। लेकिन अत्यावश्यक बात यह है कि आज विश्व की महाशक्ति उसके साथ जुड़ी हुई है और ये लोग नहीं चाहते हैं कि हिन्दुस्तान का नेतृत्व जो श्री राजीव गांधी के साथ जुड़ा हुआ है, वह नेतृत्व जो न केवल हिन्दुस्तान का नेतृत्व कर रहा है बल्कि पूरे विश्व के तीसरे देशों का नेतृत्व कर रहा है—इस नेतृत्व को, एक सक्षम नेतृत्व को खत्म करने की साजिश और षडयंत्र एक विश्वव्यापी आन्दोलन के द्वारा की जा रही है । उपसभापति, महोदया, यह एक भयकर बात है जो इस देश के सामने आई है। मैं आपके माध्यम से यह मांग करता हूं कि सरकार इन तमाम तथ्यों के साथ इस सदन में आए । मैं यह भी मांग करता हूं कि इस बारे में एक श्वेत पत्र भी सदन के सामने रखा जाना चाहिए ।

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY (Pondicherry): Madam Deputy Chairman, the newsitem which has apeared in **The Times of India** today is revealing startling facts. When our former Prime Minister, Shrimati Indira Gandhi, said that there were forces working both inside and outside the country to destabilize India and also to eliminate her, people were laughing at Indiraji and saying that she was sidetracking the issue. But we have paid the price for it. We have lost the valuable life of our former Prime Minister, Indiraji. Now this is another story which has been given. If you go through the letter, it gives very important facts. One of the letters says that Sikhs are there in Delhi Police and they can be utilized by terrorist groups for eliminating our Prime Minister and our Home Minister, Shri Buta Singh. This is a very serious matter. Designs are there with the terrorists. Wherever the terrorists are, they are only tools in the hands of their masters in Pakistan. The Pakistan Government is giving them all sorts of help. They are giving them weapons, they are giving them training and they are making the terrorists cross over to India. In all the Gurdwaras in Pakistan they are telling them that their brothers and sisters in India are being harassed by the Indian Government. They are making false propaganda in Pakistan and they are instigating the terrorists against us.

We are told that the Government of India wants to have a treaty of peace and friendship with Pakistan. General Zia-ul-Haq made a press statement to **Asian Times** that he wants a no war pact but the Indian Governmen wants a treay of peace and friendship. Why should we go in for that? The Pakistan Government has to be condemned by the Indian Government. Why snould we go in for a treaty of peace and friendship with Pakistan? I would like to have a comprehensive statement from the honourable Home Minister about the incidents which have been mentioned

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and the letters which have been given in this. The Minister should also table those letters in this House so that this House will have complete picture of it Thank you.

SHRI SHANKARRAO NARAYANRAO DESHMUKH (Maharashtra): Madam Deputy Chairman, in the morning today the country got a volcanic shock and the whole country was moved by this shock. At present the Punjab issue is not only a local issue but an issue assuming national and international importance. It crosses our national boundaries. Our honourable Prime Minister has off and on brought it to the notice of the country and the world that the Punjab issue is not only a local issue but has become an international issue and the main cause is Pakistan which is having a hostile attitude towards the Government of India.

Madam, a letter was written by one Wassan Singh from his hideout in Pakistan long back, on the 3rd of May. So, what action was taken by the Government from May up to this time? What vigilance was kept by the Government? What intelligence was gathered in the country? The country is having all sophisticated means, all technical instruments, all the power at its disposal, but it has done nothing. Therefore, my submission is, the Government should make a clear statement about the steps taken about vigil, control and intelligence.

Another thing I would like to bring to the notice of the august House is that we are not out of the trauma of 1984 when Madam Indiraji was assassinated, and this is another episode. We are just going through the same path. We are just neglecting the real matter and assuming some other thing. The real matter is concerned with vigilance, intelligence and our political thought. If these are neglected, it will be of no use having tall talk about the whole country and the whole world.

Therefore, my submission is, the Government should make a statement, clear statement on what measures have been taken so far to protect our leader, the hon. Prime Minister and what they intend to do in the near future.

Another thing I would like to bring to your notice is that the Gurdaspur Police Force may be used for this purpose. This is the content of that letter. If these forces are being used like this by the terrorists or by antinational elements, then, we shall have to think over it. Regarding that also I would like the Government to make a clear statement laying a clear policy on these matters. Therefore, I submit that the Governmen should come out with all the due facts regarding vigilance only today.

Thank you very much.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Subramanian Swamy.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY (Uttar Pradesh): Madam Deputy Chairman, the matter raised....

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now it is over.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: You have called me. Just a minute.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I asked whether it was your letter?

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Yes. You are giving me chance to speak. I would like to associate myself.

Madam, the matter raised about the reported attempt or plan to assassinate the Prime Minister is an extremely serious one, and I think the impression should not be created that only the ruling Congress Party is concerned about it. As the leader of the Janata Party has already spoken, we are very concerned about it ourselves.

But there has to be a response from the Government. This cannot go on. You just cannot make an issue of it here and forget about it. On the 2nd of October, 1986 there was an attempt to assassinate the Prime Minister at Rajghat. Subsequently the Prime Minister himself went on record at a number of places that he had concrete proof that Pakistan was behind it. Later on we have had a variety of newspaper articles as well as statements by the Home Minister that Pakistan is conducting camps at such and such places and that they are being used to train terrorists. In addition, we have spent an enormous amount of money on training a number of special security units. Therefore, I think the time has come for the Government to take some concrete action.

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA (Uttar Pradesh): We have also passed a special Act.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: We have passed a special Act, laws and other things. Somebody on the other side said about white paper. If the Government is convinced, if there is evidence of an attempt by Pakistan to assassinate the Indian Prime Minister and to train Sikh terrorists in a meaningful way, then, I think, it is the duty of the Government to take such effective action against Pakistan that this kind of situation does not arise in future.

It cannot be just constantly told to Parliament that this is happening. We are not interested in a running commentary. We want action. If you take action, effective action, then, I tell you on behalf of the entire Opposition, and I will not be stating erroneously, that the entire Opposition will be with you 100 per cent for this purpose.

But all that we are finding is that in this Parliament statements are made forgotten. All these should be collected. If what has been said is true, then, whatever steps are necessary should be taken. Somebody said, "Let us go to war." I say even that should not be ruled out to put an end to this source of trouble for this country.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: It is a very serious matter. It is a matter of concern not only for the whole House, but also for the whole nation. I will ask the Minister to come out with a comprehensive statement on this only today.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): I told the House a little while earlier that the Government is willing to make a statement. We will make a comprehensive statement later this afternoon

Gross Irregularities in the working of the Land and Development Office of the Ministry of Urban Development

श्री वीरेन्द्र वर्मा (उत्तर प्रदेश) : माननीय उपसभापति महोदया, भारत के कम्प्ट्रोलर एंड आडिटर जनरल ने शहरी विकास मंत्रालय के अधीन काम कर रहे लैंड एंड डवलपमेंट आफिस की अनेकों गम्भीर अनियमितताओं की ओर ध्यान आकर्षित किया है । उन्होंने बताया है कि भूमि का बकाया रेंट जो 1981 में एक करोड 81 लाख था वह सन् 84 मे 8 करोड़ 87 लाख हो गया है । दूसरी ओर नजूल लैंड के बकाया रेंट भी निरन्तर बढ़ते चले जा रहे हैं । उनकी वसूली की ओर भी कोई ध्यान नहीं दिया जा रहा है बल्कि लापरवाही से निरन्तर बढोतरी पर है । जिस परफार्मे पर रजिस्टर मेन्टेन करने चाहिए और जिस प्रकार से करने चाहिए उसी प्रकार से नहीं किए गये हैं । 52 के फसेज है जिनसे सात वर्ष में बकाया रेंट वसूल नहीं किए गए हैं और न उन पर किसी प्रकार की कोई कार्रवाई की जा रही है । कौन जिम्मेदार